



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH**  
**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**  
**July 15, 2021**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Jonathan Arias, Alana Aronin, Brent Berger, Elliott Brown, Christopher Burt, Marcela Campoli, Desiree de la Torre, Crystal DeVance-Wilson, Sarah Emami, Travis Gayles, Cara Grant, Kendra Harris, Nadia Hashimi, and Jessica Kronstadt.

Members Absent: Amy Gyau-Moyer Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian, Terri McGuire, Linda McMillan, Rosemary Payne, and Fabienne Santel.

Staff Present: Vanessa Kachipande

Guests: Susan Emory, Brittany Foushee, and Chris Rogers.

AGENDA ITEMS/PRESENTER	ACTION ITEMS /RESPONSIBLE PARTY
<p><b>Meeting call to Order and Welcome – Jessica Kronstadt</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. The COH Chair welcomed members and provided an update on the goals for the meeting.</li> <li>Upcoming meetings are September 16<sup>th</sup> and October 21<sup>st</sup>. The September meeting is tentatively scheduled pending input from an Annual Retreat member survey. These meetings will take place virtually via Zoom. The COH will not meet in the month of August.</li> </ul> <p><u>A MOTION</u> was made by Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian to approve the June 17, 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded by Brent Berger. The minutes were unanimously approved by voiced consent.</p>	<p>Finalize June meeting minutes on COH webpage- <i>COH Staff</i></p>
<p><b>Health Officer’s Report –Dr. Travis Gayles</b></p> <p>The County is one of the leading jurisdictions in the County with 83 percent of eligible residents fully vaccinated. At least 89 percent of those eligible have received one dose. Those under the age of 12 are still not eligible.</p> <p>Unvaccinated individuals are contributing to majority of new cases. The Delta variant has contributed to about 50 percent of the new cases. Sporadic cases of the lambda variant.</p> <p>The County continues to do work in the infant and maternal health space. The County is also focusing on diabetes cares.</p> <p>Working on modernizing the public health infrastructure. Including automated processes and updating surveillance platforms across the state and region to streamline communication and integration on data.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

<p>Healthy Montgomery is continuing the Public Health Services Community Needs Assessment process. Data will be forthcoming at the conclusion of both the quantitative and qualitative components.</p> <p>The County will be releasing several reports including the Status of Health Report, Health Equity Report and a 360 analysis COVID-19 Report.</p>	
<p><b>BCC Chairs Meeting with DHHS Update – Desiree de la Torre</b></p> <p>Ms. Desiree de la Torre provided an update to the Commissioners on the BCC Chairs meeting she attended at the end of July. She shared details on DHHS priorities shared by the DHHS Director.</p>	N/A
<p><b>Workgroup Group Updates</b></p> <p><b>Communicable Disease Workgroup- Brent Berger</b> The Communicable Disease workgroup would like to invite Emily Brown, Program Manager for the Ending the HIV Epidemic in the County to speak with the larger Commission on opportunities to support the County’s mission on Ending the HIV Epidemic.</p> <p>They are also looking to collaborate with other groups to apply learnings from COVID to keep people safe and well through mask wearing and hand washing initiatives.</p> <p><b>School Health Workgroup- Alana Aronin</b> Members from the School Health workgroup were unable to meet for this month. They are currently on a hiatus and would like to reevaluate goals and priorities at the upcoming retreat.</p> <p><b>Racial Equity Workgroup- Marcela Campoli</b> The Racial Equity workgroup were unable to meet this month.</p> <p><b>Public Health Data and Modernization workgroup- Jessica Kronstadt</b> The Public Health Data and Modernization workgroup connected with Dr. Rogers, Dr. Liu and Tara Clemons on data modernization efforts in the County. They would like to understand the plan for bolstering evaluation capacity and have drafted a letter to support these efforts. They would also like to share the letter with the Montgomery Cares Advisory Board (MCAB).</p> <p><b>Governance Workgroup- Desiree de la Torre, Jessica Kronstadt</b> The governance workgroup has been focused on the new member elections as well as the transition of leadership.</p>	Meet with Workgroup Prior to Next COH Meeting- All Members
<p><b>CHNA Advisory Committee Update – Dr. Chris Rogers</b></p> <p>Healthy Montgomery staff provided an update on the CHNA progress. The CHNA timeline has been pushed back due to various items. They are in process of reaching out to networks to complete the Environmental Scan of Resources which will remain open until July 30<sup>th</sup>. A Dental Environmental Scan has also been added to the CHNA. The qualitative assessment has now concluded, and quantitative assessments are ongoing for primary data collection.</p>	N/A
<p><b>Membership Update – Vanessa Kachipande</b></p>	N/A

<p>The COH has six vacancies with three incumbents eligible to reapply. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, August 25th. Members with expiring terms who are eligible for another term must reapply by the deadline. Members were encouraged to circulate the vacancy notice amongst their networks.</p> <p>Commissioners Crystal DeVance-Wilson and Kendra Harris volunteered to join the membership committee.</p>	
<p><b>Liaisons Update</b></p> <p><b>African American Health Program (AAHP)</b> – <i>Crystal DeVance Wilson</i> There is a new group called CARES that is looking to support small business, unemployment, COVID-19 Testing, systematic racism, domestic violence and telemedicine.</p> <p><b>Mental Health Advisory Council</b> – <i>Jessica Kronstadt</i> The Mental Health Advisory Council is focused on improving county's crisis services. They are also focused on the environment and the impact on mental health.</p> <p>Chris Burt volunteered for the Healthy Montgomery liaison role vacated by Crystal DeVance Wilson. There is also a vacancy for the liaison to the Mental Health Advisory Council.</p>	N/A
<p><b>Annual Retreat Planning</b></p> <p>The retreat will be held in September meeting. Rosemary Payne, Sarah Emami, Crystal DeVance Wilson and Desiree de la Torre are on the Retreat Planning Committee.</p> <p>A survey will be sent to determine the date and location of the upcoming retreat.</p> <p>Guest speakers will need to be identified and contacted soon to confirm their attendance.</p> <p>A Commissioner noted that the retreat date in 2021 coincides with Yom Kippur so considerations should be made in regard to moving the date.</p>	COH Staff to coordinate initial committee meeting via email- <i>All COH Members</i>
<p><b>Announcements</b></p> <p>Vanessa Kachipande prompted COH members to share their workgroup reports for inclusion in the annual report.</p>	N/A
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p> <p><u>A MOTION</u> was made by Alana Aronin to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Marcela Campoli. The motion was passed unanimously by voice consent.</p>	N/A